

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were pending and consideration in the instant application. Claims 1-4, 10, and 15-19 stand rejected, claims 5-9 and 12 are allowed, and claims 11, 13, and 14 stand objected to. Following entry of the present paper, claims 1-19 will remain pending and under consideration.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 5-9 and 12 and indication that claims 11, 13, and 14 are patentable, and kindly thank the Examiner for the same.

I. The Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1, 10-14, and 17 have been amended. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the application as filed and therefore present no new matter. In particular, the amendments to the claims, with one exception, correct minor typographical errors and are supported by the versions of the claims as filed. Claim 1 has been amended to delete the inadvertently introduced recitation of codon 226. Accordingly, the amendments to the claims are fully supported by the application as filed; Applicants therefore respectfully request entry of the amendment to the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

II The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-4, 10, and 15-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants believe the rejection is moot in view of the amendment to claim 1 and therefore respectfully requests its withdrawal.

III. The Claim Objections

Claims 1-4, 7, and 10-19 stand objected to as containing minor informalities, including several typographical errors. Applicants believe the objections are moot in view of the amendments to the claims and therefore respectfully request their withdrawal.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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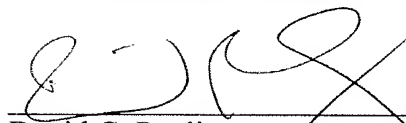
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IV. Conclusion

Applicants believe the above-identified patent application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (650) 739-3949 should any issue remain prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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